ANSWERS TO QUERIES SENT BY READERS TO

The Times Question Box

Kindly answer the following question: I am employed in a large confectionery store which is largely patronized by men. Being engaged to be married in the near future I would like to know if it is proper for me to accept Christmas gifts, such as jewelry, from any of the male customers upon whom I wait quite frequently during the year. I have been told that it is not proper for me to receive such gifts from them, and me engaged. Kindly answer this question, and college.

Christmas from men whom you happen to wait upon in a candy store.

Kindly tell me through the Inquiry Col-umn the city address of the Congressman from the State of Connecticut, or where I may be able to procure it. Thanking you in advance, I am, Yours truly, M. M.

There are several Congressmen from the State of Connecticut. You can find their addresses in the Congressional Di-

I advise you to do nothing toward reducing the weight of your little sister. which does not contain starchy matter, will aid considerably,

Times Inquiry Department: Would you please tell me how to give a suncheon to a number of girls; that is, what sort of entertainment one is supposed to furnish; what would be a simple yet an attractive menu; is the hostess the first to go into the dining room, and is she the first to rise from the table? Also, would it be appropriate to give little remembrances? Thanking you in advance, I am, Yours truly, "INEXPERIENCED."

You really do not need to furnish any kind of entertainment aside from an attractive menu at your luncheon. The following menu would be quite suitable. Oyster cocktails, cream of rea soup, salmon cutlets, duchesse potatoes, broiled chicken, green peppers stuffed with rice, lett::co salad, orange mousse,

small cakes, coffee. The hostess always leads the way to the dining room and is the first to rise from the table. You can give favors as memontos at your luncheon and cave pretty menu cards for place cards at each plate.

to receive such gifts from them, and me engaged. Kindly answer this question, and oblige.

I don't believe the most liberal-minded person could say that it would be proper to accept pleces of jewelry at the furnace, made for that purpose, and left over night. I will greatly thank you for an answer.

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The body is placed upon a sheet iron glab and pushed into a red-hot furnace The ashes then are placed in a coffin and buried, or sometimes they are put into a vase.

Times Inquiry Department:

Kindly tell me how to clean a child's white bearskin coat. A CONSTANT READER. I think you will find that gasolene will clean the bearskin coat.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you be kind enough to publish the recipe of a good pound cake? Thanking you, I am. Yours truly, C. E. E. Times Inquiry Department:

Could you please publish the name of a drug that is harmless and cheap for reducing the weight of my little sister, who is just fifteen years old? I would rather have it in tablet form, and want one without any after-effects, as I do not want her to step school. In what length of time will it take to reduce thirty pounds? Thanking you in advance, I am, Yours gratefully, S. M. the yolks, and, after beating hard for a couple of minutes, add the flour and Wholesome exercise will help to reduce whites alternately, whipping them in her weight. A flash-reducing diet, lightly, but not stirring after they have gone in. A pound cake batter should as stiff as it can be stirred. Bake in

Santa Claus Leaves Part of Load Behind

The Santa Claus who makes a regular trip to Europe each year about this date was forced to leave behind him at man by a young chap from the mounthe dead letter office this year some

ous to her.

One day the Little Girl and another little girl stood on the corner as the grown-up-married-girl passed by.

"Hello, Mrs. Hayes," piped the Little Girl, with pride in her voice, over mastering the change in name. Then she turned to the other little girl. "Ehe's married," informed the Little Girl, proudly.

Telegraph.

Female Barkis.

George D. Pyper is a Mormon who dirl, proudly.

"Ho, that's nothin'," she scoffed.
"There's lots of folks up to our house, and they're all married, 'cept just us kids."

First-Aid.

The celebrated Abernethy, who was noted for his bluntness, on one occasion, while he was performing the duties of examiner at the College of Burgeons, thus questioned a youthful but exceptionally muscular aspirant for the diploma. "Mr. —, if you were present

Was Determined

cently made to a Louisville business the dead letter office this year some 2,000 Christmas presents and 3,800 Christmas letters and postcards.

The wrapped-up presents were unmailable in the international parcels post either because they did not have enough postage pasted on them, or because the senders forgot to affix the short customs declarations, which are furnished free at every postoffice.

The letters and postcards couldn't go because they bore Christmas stamps and labels forbidden by a number of foreign postoffices.

Making Up His Mind.

Deliberateness, a quality generally ascribed to the Scots, must reach a kind of quintessence among the Shetlanders, if this story from the Christian World may be held to represent them fairly.

The Rev. James Hamilton, minister

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The Rev. James Hamilton, minister of the Church of Scotland, Rodney street, Liverpool, while on holiday in Shetland, had a narrow escape from drowning. Accompanied by a boy, Mr. Hamilton was fishing for sea trout, when he slipped on a stone, lost his balance and, being encumbered with heavy wading boots, had great difficulty in keeping his head above water. Finally he managed to get back to the shore, although in a very exhausted state, and said to the boy:

"I noticed that you never tried to help me."

"Na," was the response, "but I was thinkin' o't!"

Pooh! What of It?

"Downey and Saber Downey, U. S. A. and Mrs. Downey and Saber Downey, who are the morning, was to be sure and another them."—Louisvine I me."—Louisvine I me."

Who Was There.

A real, live bishop of the Anglican communion had never before been seen in the Rerkshire village of Leamings, and his high-church hostess, in the palatial "cottage" where she came between Newport and "town," was almost as proud of his gaiters and shovel hat as if her own broker husband was the morning was the thinkin' o't!"

Mrs. Crane will escort her guests to the morning and his high-church hostess, in the palatial "cottage" where she came between Newport and "town," was almost as proud of his gaiters and shovel hat as if her own broker husband was waring them. She was particular, moreover, about the dignitary's proper title as a "spiritual peer," and all the servants were strictly coached as to what they should say if called upon to address him. Buttons, for instance, when he took up the shaving water in the morning, was to be sure and another the morning and his high-church hostess, in the buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet supper after the tea and her buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet supper after the tea and later had her buffet su The Little Girl's very dear grown-up-girl-friend had just been married.
The Little Girl couldn't understand it when her mamma told her that the grown-up girl's name was different now and that she was Mrs. instead of Miss. It all seemed very strange and mysterious to her.

One day the Little Girl and another come back a rumbling, "Who's there?"

boasts that he is forty-nine years old, twenty-nine years married to only one wife, and never wanted a second, according to the Cincinnati Times-Star.

"I have been traveling around the I have been traveling around the country for years," says he, "and once I got so darn tired of having the same old questions pushed at me that I changed the order. We were running an industrial exposition in Tennessee, and every woman who spoke to me would ask: 'How many wives have you?"

exceptionally muscular aspirant for the diploma. "Mr. —, if you were present when a man was blown up by an explosion, what would be the first think you would do?" "I should wait till he came down again, sir," replied the student. "Just so," said Abernethy, entering fato the spirit of the joke. "And suppose, sir, I were to kick you for the impudence of your answer, what impudence should I put in motion?" "The flexors and extensors of my right arm, sir; for I should floor you instantly!" "You haven't any idea," he adds mournfully, "how hard it was to get that woman to see the joke."

Miss Stephanie Trescot Will Wed Lieutenant Martin This Afternoon

Ceremony Will Take Place Will Entertain In at Home of the Bride's Mother.

The marriage of Miss Stephanie Trescot, daughter of Mrs. Stephen Trescot, Lieut. George Wade Martin, U. S. M. C., formerly of Winter Hill, Mass., will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, in N street. The wedding ceremony, which will be performed by the Rev. John M. Cooper, will be attended by a small gathering of relatives and inti- place in the spring.

Christmas greens and red poinsettia blossoms will adorn the house for the

The bride, who will be escorted and given in marriage by her brother-inlaw, Lieut. Philip H. Torrey, U. S. M. C, of Philadelphia, will wear a beautiful gown of white satin duchess made on empire lines and trimmed in rare old family lace. Her long tulle veil will be arranged with orange blossoms and she will carry a shower bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Torrey, who will be her sister's matron of honor, will wear soft yellow satin draped in yellow chiffon and carry maidenhair fern and poinsettia

Miss Margaretta Morse, who will be

the maid of honor, will wear yellow satin and carry ferns and poinsettia as stif as it can be stirred. Bake in brick tins or in small pans in a steady oven, covering with paper to prevent too quick browning.

Times Inquiry Department:
Please publish a recipe for devil cake, and obligg,
You make the same kind of batter for cave batter and melt a half cake of chocolate over steam and mix it in the batter. Bake in layers and use a thick chocolate filling.

Times Inquiry Department:
Please inform me if Turkey and Russia are absolute monarchies.

Man Brown, Justice Thomas H. Anderson, Gen. William party will pass to the improvised altae of Colonel Cosby, L. S. A.; Miss Dorothy Hale, of Good Colonel Cosby, Wife of Colonel Cosby, Wife of Colonel Cosby, Wife of Colonel Cosby, Wife of Colonel Cosby, U. S. A.; Miss Dorothy Hale, of Good Basel Magruder, and Miss Rust Bliss, of Washington.

Lieut. David Brewster, U. S. M. C., of Norfolk, will be the best man for Mr. Martin, and the ushers will be Ensign the Corps and stationed at Norfolk, Vs.

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Miss Estelle Crane Will Make Bow Today.

Miss Estelle Crane, daughter of Mrs. J. Burnet Crane, will be introduced to Washington society at a tea this afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clocck at her home 1309 Twentieth street. The drawing rooms and reception ha

will be adorned for the occasion with Christmas greens and red roses. Mrs. Crane will receive her guests in rown of black lace over white satin.

Miss Katherine Crane will wear white satin trimmed in crystals, and the de-utante will wear a dainty frock of pale pink satin trimmed in old family lace and crystals. She will carry a shower bouquet of violets and pink roses. Mrs. Romanzo Edson and Mrs. Cowles Tucker will preside at the tea table, which will have a centerpiece of red roses and mistletoe.

Christmas greens and red blossom formed the decorations, and an orchestra played throughout the evening for the

The Speaker of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark will receive informally New Year Day.

Bennet Clark, a student at the University of Missouri, will spend the holicays in Washington with his parents. Miss Genevieve Clark is spending the holidays in Pennsylvania with Congressman and Mrs. Gregg.

The Postmaster General left Washington vesterday for New York. He will spend Christmas in Boston with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins

Entertain at Reception. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Collins, of

Newton street, entertained last evening at a reception in honor of Representative Steven B. Ayres of New York and Mrs. Ayres. The guests included all the graduates of Syracuse University

the graduates of Syracuse University who are resident of Washington. Representative Ayres is a graduate of the university.

Mrs. Collins received her guests in a gown of mauve crepe meteor.

Miss Martha G. Glelow will spend the holldays with her son-in-law and daughter. Naval Constructor Charles Willis Fisher and Mrs. Fisher, at the Portsmouth navy yard.

spending the past week in Washington with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Goldheim, of Eighteenth sireet, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, of Lanier place, have as their guest Miss Gertrude King, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Grosner have as their guest Miss Julia Barron, of Atlantic City.

Honor of Guesis

Dr. and Mrs. Preston Satterwhite, of New York, arrived in Washington yes terday afternoon for a ten days' visit to Mrs. William F. Draper and Mis Margaret Preston Draper, at their K street residence. Mrs. Draper will entertain at a large dinner in their honor tonight,

Lieut. Col. Benjamin Alvord, U. S A. and Mrs. Alvord, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine Alvord, to Reginald Rutherford, of Washington. The wedding will take

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, who have been abroad for several months, arrived in Washington last night, and opened their handsome New Hampshire avenue residence for the season.

The Secretary of the Navy and his son, George von L. Meyer, jr., have gone to North Carolina for a few days hunting trip. They will not return until a day or two after Christmas.

Mrs. Horatio N. Slater and Miss Esther Slater will arive from Boston, December 26 for a visit to Mrs. John R. McLean.

Mrs. Bella Rosenfeld, of 314 P street, will be at home to her friends Sunder. December 31 from 4 to 10 o'clock, in celebration of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Rosenfeld.

Former Senator and Mrs. Burrows entertained at dinner last evening Mr. Justice Henry P. Brown, retired, and Mrs Brown, Justice Thomas H. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Merriam, U. S. A., and Mrs. Merriam, Dr. and Mrs. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ellis, Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmago, and Gen. John Black, U. S. A.

Miss Rose Frank To Wed H. J. Rich.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Rose Frank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Frank, of Baltimore, and Herbert J. Rich, of this city. The event will take place at the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Monday, January 1, at 6 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Adolph Guttmacher will officiate.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Luchs will give a dance Tuesday evening, in compliment to their house guest, Miss Helen Blum, of Bellaire, Ohlo.

Miss Dora Kaufman, of Philadelphia, will arrive in Washington to spend the holidays with Miss Celeste Goodman, of

Mrs. A. Damman, of the Natchez, is spending several weeks in New York with relatives.

Miss Lorrraine Herman, of the Bea-con, has as her guest Miss Ruth Weyl, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. Goldheim, who has been spending the past week in Washington with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Goldheim, of Eighteenth street, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Miss Adaline Culp and

which will have a centerpiece of red roses and mistletoe.

Assisting in receiving the guests and deapensing the hospitalities of the afternoon with Miss Elizabeth Mulford, Miss Elizabeth Noyes, Miss Elizabeth Noyes, Miss Elizabeth Noyes, Miss Elizabeth Noyes, Miss Frances Hooks, Miss Manual Miss Elizabeth Noyes, Miss Frances Hooks, Miss Miss Dorothy Gray Brooks, Miss Dorothy Gray Brooks, Miss Dorothy Taylor, and Miss Ruth Hitchcock.

The assistants will be entertained at a buffet supper after the tea and later Mrs. Crane will escort her guests to the hop at Fort Myer.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey

Hosts in Honor of Sons.

Lieut. Col. George F. Downey, U. S. A., and Mrs. Downey entertained at dance for young people last evening at Rauscher's for their young sons, Fairfax Downey and Saber Downey, who are home from college for the holidays.

Christmas greens and red blossoms

Will be a member of the party.

Miss Cornella Capers and Miss Hilda Richmond are spending the holidays in South Carolina, with relatives of Miss Miss Amy Bennikal Miss Amy Bennikal Miss Amy Bennict, and Miss Elizabeth Siddons.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kauffmann entertained at dinner last evening at the for for sixteen.

Commodore William Steeder, 2312 Capers in the Guildhall. In the previous reign the tothe lord mayor's feast in the Guildhall. In the previous reign the tothe lord chamberlaiq had found it necessary to issue regulations for the bene-for state lord chamberlaiq had found it necessary to issue regulations for the bene-for state lord of file raise in the Guildhall. In the previous reign the holides.

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In the Culebra cut at Panama the workmen were surprised to come upon two crocodiles, the first to be found in Central America for reany generations. Each was about fifteen feet long, and each had seven full sets of teeth on the upper and lower jaws. Such dental equipment is supposed to indicate an age reaching into many centuries, Both are now on their way to the National Museum.

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The Sandman's Stories

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The marriage of Miss Adaline Culp, the first of the first of



Anty Drudge Talks to a Woman Who Hasn't Tried the New Way of Washing.

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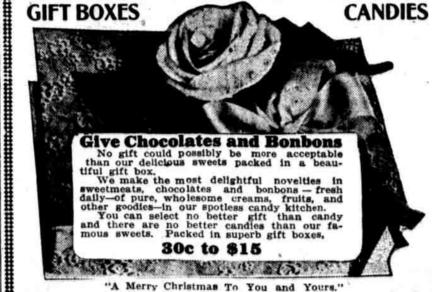
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